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	1. On 15 September 1953 Pogan (N 69-25, E 33-26) a naval formation off Cape consisted of two destroyers abreast of each other, followed by three destroyers, a cruiser, and three more destroyers, and then another cruiser, all in line formation. Coming from Kola Bay and heading for Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10), the group, which covered about eight nautical miles, disappeared behind a smoke screen between Kildin Island and Cape					25X1 25X1
- [Another group of naval vessels was observed between 15 and 20 miles to the northwest of the smoke screen. The vessels of the first unit had no distinguishing numbers, and they proceeded at between 10 and 15 knots.				25X1 25X1	
	2. The cruisers in the first group were identical. They were about 200 meters long, and they had a raked bow and two triple turrets on the horizontal foredeck. The huge stepped bridge ended in a mushroomshaped conning house, with a large rangefinder in front of a tripod mast, which had a short crosstree. The forward stack aft of the bridge superstructure and a slanted smokehood. A cupola-shaped antiaircraft control position was located between the forward and after stack. The after stack was vertical and had a heavily-slanted smokehood; it was located in front of another tripod mast and a large rangefinder. Two triple turrets were located on the afterdeck. Some sailors were observed at the rails.					
3.	iden high	two forward destroyer tical vessels, about , long foredeck with re stern, and a box-s	120 meters long. a single gun beh:	Each had a clipper ind a protective shie	bow, a ld, a	

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rear section. A small, slightly-inclined stack with a slanting smoke-hood was located aft of the bridge. A torpedo mount was located between the first stack and the second shorter stack, which also had a slanting smokehood and was forward of a short mast. A low structure on deck looked like a former torpedo mount. Two guns behind protective shields one behind the other, were on the midships line on the fantail.

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4. The other five destroyers of the group were sister ships. They had a clipper bow and a gun turret on the foredeck, which sloped to the upperdeck aft of the stepped bridge. The bridge had a tripod mast on its aftermost section. A short squat stack with a slanting smokehood was located aft of the rear edge of the bridge, and another thinner stack was located on deck. Torpedo mounts were located between the two stacks and behind the second stack. There were two guns behind protective shields on a cabin superstructure and another gun with a protective shield was located on the fantail.

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